



Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead



Richard J. Bruckner
Director

July 3, 2013

TO: Patricia Hachiya
Hearing Officer

FROM: Tyler Montgomery *TM*
Land Divisions Section

**SUBJECT: PROJECT NO. R2006-00901-(5)
OAK TREE PERMIT NO. 201000034
July 16, 2013—Discussion and Possible Action
Agenda Item No. 14**

Agenda Item No. 14 is Oak Tree Permit No. 201000034. The applicant, Jill Levy, seeks to authorize the encroachment into the protected zone of one oak tree during the expansion of an existing single-family residence. The property is located at 30375 Hasley Canyon Road in the Castaic Canyon Zoned District of unincorporated Los Angeles County.

In a letter dated August 29, 2011, our department informed the applicant that additional materials were needed in order to complete our review of the project. An additional letter was sent on May 13, 2013, stating that if these materials were not submitted by June 13, 2013, the case may be scheduled for denial. A final letter was sent on June 17, 2013, stating that the project had been scheduled for denial by a Hearing Officer at the July 16, 2010 regular hearing date.

As of this date, staff has received two phone calls from the applicant's arborist, Richard Ibarra, who indicated that he had informed his client of the situation, but that no action had been taken as of yet. Therefore, staff recommends that the Hearing Officer **DENY** Oak Tree Permit No. 201000034 due to lack of information.

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June 17, 2013

Richard Ibarra
P.O. Box 4583
Thousand Oaks, CA 91359

SUBJECT: HEARING NOTICE – DENIAL DUE TO INACTIVITY
Date/Time: July 16, 2013—9:00 A.M.
**Location: Room 150, Hall of Records, 320 W. Temple St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012**
Project: R2006-00901-(5)
Cases: ROAK 201000034, RENV 201000074
Address: 30375 Hasley Canyon Road, Castaic

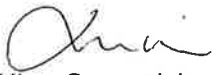
Dear Applicant:

The Department of Regional Planning has made repeated attempts to inform you of the information that is required to proceed with your application for an oak tree permit to approve the encroachment into the protected zone of one oak tree at the above referenced location. Attached are the correspondence requesting project revisions and additional information dated August 29, 2011 and May 13, 2013. To date, we have not received the requested information and, as a result, we have scheduled the project to be denied by a Hearing Officer due to inactivity on July 16, 2013.

If you wish to keep this project active, you have a final opportunity to request reconsideration at the scheduled hearing. If this request is granted, you must also submit all requested information **by August 13, 2013** or this project will again be scheduled for denial at the next available Hearing Officer meeting.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, or would like to withdraw your application, please contact Tyler Montgomery at (213) 974-6433, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday or via email at TMontgomery@planning.lacounty.gov. Our offices are closed on Fridays.

Sincerely,
DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING
Richard J. Bruckner
Director


Mi Kim, Supervising Regional Planner
Zoning Permits West Section

Enclosures: Materials request letters dated 8/29/11 and 5/13/13

c: Property Owner

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Director

May 13, 2013

CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Richard Ibarra
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Thousand Oaks, CA 91359

SUBJECT: HEARING NOTICE – DENIAL DUE TO INACTIVITY
Project: R2006-00901-(5)
Cases: ROAK 201000034
Address: 30375 Hasley Canyon Road, Castaic

Dear Applicant:

The Department of Regional Planning has made past attempts to inform you of the information that is required to proceed with your application for an oak tree permit at the above referenced location. Attached is the correspondence requesting project revisions and additional information dated August 29, 2011. We have also made several phone calls in an attempt to follow up with this matter. To date, we have not received the requested information and as a result, we are unable to proceed with processing your application.

Section 22.56.060 of the Los Angeles County Code provides that the Hearing Officer may deny, without public hearing, an application for a conditional use permit if such application does not contain the required information contained in Sections 22.56.030 and 22.56.040.

If you wish to keep this project active, please send a written request to Regional Planning, Zoning Permits West Section, Room 1348, 320 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, Attention: Tyler Montgomery. This correspondence must be received within **30 days from the date of this letter** or this project will be automatically scheduled for denial at the next available Hearing Officer meeting. If you choose to keep your project active and submit a written request, you must also submit all requested information **within 90 days of the date of this letter** or this project will be automatically scheduled for denial at the next available Hearing Officer meeting.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, or would like to withdraw your application for a partial refund, please contact Tyler Montgomery at (213) 974-6462, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday or via email at TMontgomery@planning.lacounty.gov. Our offices are closed on Fridays.

Sincerely,
DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING
Richard J. Bruckner, Director


Mi Kim, Supervising Regional Planner
Zoning Permits West Section

Enclosures: Materials request e-mail dated 08/29/11

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Tyler Montgomery

From: Montgomery, Tyler
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2011 10:06 AM
To: 'Richard'
Subject: RE: Oak tree permit: 30375 Hasley Canyon Rd.
Attachments: Forester Approval R2006-00901.pdf

Richard,

When Forestry visited the project site in July, they were told two things that may end up affecting the project. First, they were told that the entire driveway, including the portion within the dripline of oak tree #2, would be resurfaced. This is contrary to the submitted site plan, which states that the portion within the protected zone of the oak tree will be left alone.

Second, they were told that the abandoned septic system has already been filled with slurry. According to Forestry, a portion of this system extends into the protected zone of oak tree #2. This is contrary to what is shown on the submitted site plan and would also be considered an additional encroachment.

Because an administrative oak tree permit may only be issued for residential development that affects one oak tree, the addition of encroachments into the protected zone of oak tree #2 (in addition to those already proposed for oak tree #1) would necessitate its conversion to a public hearing case. This would, of course, require a public hearing as well as the payment of additional fees.

If you believe that these observations by Forestry were made in error, you may contact them at (818) 890-5758. In order for this case to remain as an administrative permit, they would need to issue a revised letter stating that there are encroachments upon only one oak tree. If this is not possible, your client would need to pay the difference between an administrative oak tree permit and a public hearing oak tree permit to the Department of Regional Planning (currently \$7,249.00). I have attached Forestry's current letter, which references encroachments upon two trees.

Please look into this and let me know what action your clients will take.

Sincerely,

From: Richard [mailto:treasetc.richard@verizon.net]
Sent: Friday, August 26, 2011 12:47 PM
To: Montgomery, Tyler
Subject: Re: Oak tree permit: 30375 Hasley Canyon Rd.

Tyler, I have called you back a couple of times. What's up? I take the Levy's have yet to pay their fees? Also, my e-mail address has changed, see below.

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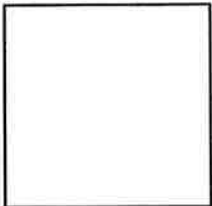
On 08/18/11, Montgomery, Tyler<tmontgomery@planning.lacounty.gov> wrote:

Richard,

I have left a couple of voice mail messages for you, but I haven't heard back. I have a few questions about the oak tree permit you are working on for the Levy residence at 30375 Hasley Canyon Road, Castaic (R2006-00901 / ROAK 201000034). When you get a chance, please call me at 213-974-6462. Thanks.

Sincerely,

Tyler Montgomery
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Zoning Permits West Section
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